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ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY, d/b/a AmerenIP)
And Ameren Illinois Transmission Company)

Petition for (i) a Certificate of Public Convenience)
And Necessity, pursuant To Sec. 8-406(a) of the)
Public Utilities Act; (ii) a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to)
Sec. 8-406 of the Public Utilities Act, authorizing)
Construction, operation and maintenance of)
New 345,000 volt lines in Monroe, Randolph,)
St. Clair and Washington Counties, Illinois;)
(iii) an order pursuant to Section 8-503 of the)
Public Utilities Act approving construction of new)
Transmission facilities, (iv) approval of an)
Agreement between affiliated interests and)
(v) other relief as may be necessary.)

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Margarette M. Schrader
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August 18, 2006

Elizabeth A. Rolando, Chief Clerk
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
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Statement of Position

Martha S. Church, resident of the Renault/Prairie du Rocher area in Monroe County and in ownership with Margarette M. Schrader of our family farm which will be impacted by the route (Black Line) proposed by Merrill Prange. We hereby ask for permission to intervene on behalf of ourselves. We hereby set forth our position on the proposed transmission line from Baldwin to Rush Island.

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If AmerenIP takes the (Black Line) route along the bluffs there is 70 acre track then the road to Kidd and a 30 acre tract on the other side of the road which will be cut in half. This will make it very hard for our renter to farm this ground with the power lines and towers being proposed by Mr. Prange. We will have nothing of our heritage to give to our children. Our farm that our father, William Krueger, worked so hard for will be worthless and the beauty of the woodlands and the valley will be ruined forever! My sister and I are the third generation to own this beautiful farm. The crops produced on this farm are needed to pay the taxes which are ever going up.

If AmerenIP takes the bluff route, which would be approximately 20 acres of timberland, and they remove the trees in the 150 foot cleared easement, nothing of value will be left. But, we still will be required to pay taxes on this worthless land. Aside from ruining the bluffs and the view, the terrain is up and down step hills and erosion is a concern when all of the trees and groundcover are removed. There are deer, rabbits, wild turkey, coyotes that inhabit the pasture area and the prairie grass on the bluff would be ruined forever on the land which is proposed by the Black Line!

We presently have cattle in pasture in the area of the homestead. The power lines proposed will run directly in front of the house and be a concern for anyone who lives in the house due to possible health issues caused by the power lines.

My sister and I have hiked the bluff ground of our family farm for over 50 years and have passed the love of the land and nature to our children. Watching the forest and farm land being destroyed by AmerenIP's workers will break our hearts. Just the building of the power line will cause great damage to all property involved. Ameren will never compensate us for all the damage and loss of property, nor the grief it will cause all people affected by these ugly power lines and towers we will have to look at the rest of our lives.

If they put the power lines under ground, it would be a one time aggravation. AmerenIP argues that it can not be done because of the cost to them. What about the cost to all the landowners for the rest of our lives? We believe AmerenIP should be made pay us a yearly fee to use any land they build upon. They bill us monthly for use of their electricity.

We are also in a flood plain, in the Mississippi river valley. We can't build anything on our own land, why should AmerenIP be allowed to build in this area? We as landowners have no rights, thanks to the eminent domain laws that have been written by our politicians and lawyers. The tax burden becomes greater each year and soon we will have nothing to give to our children.

We are very much opposed to the building of the (Black Line), and opposed to the idea of ruining any land for the sake of another state to benefit from power generated here in Illinois.

Martha S. Church and Margarette M. Schrader, by their signatures, swear, depose and state that the statements set forth in this petition are true in substance and in fact.

Martha S. Church 8/18/06 8/18/06 Margarette M. Schrader
Martha S. Church Date Margarette M. Schrader Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th of August, 2006.

Gail L. Yeager
Notary Public

